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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing concerning the settlement negotiated between Microsoft and the Justice Department. After three long years of litigation, this settlement represents an opportunity to move forward. The entire IT sector is ready to move on and get back to business, but it seems that there are those who still want to hold up the process.

This settlement is very strong and requires Microsoft to make many changes. For example, Microsoft will be required to disclose information concerning certain internal interfaces in Windows. Microsoft's competitors will also be free to sue Microsoft if they feel the company is not complying with the agreement. Beyond that, Microsoft has agreed to be monitored throughout the entire process to ensure that they are following proper procedure.

The concessions that Microsoft has made speak volumes to the fact that they want to help the IT sector get back to business. Let us help support the agreement by letting the terms speak for themselves.

Let us help not only our technology industry, but all industries which utilize technology such as insurance and finance, move forward and help get our economy back on track.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Rick Santorum